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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My neighborhood in rural California just got high speed internet two months ago. Before that, we depended on satellite internet which was very slow and also unreliable. It was impossible to telecommute or to even stream a movie at home. We jumped for joy when we heard that a small provider (Race Communications) was going to apply for a state grant to provide our area with service.

I read that this service could be eliminated if the big TelCos have their way. They do not want to share access over their copper lines with these smaller firms.

We asked AT&T, Verizon and Comcast for years to extend service to our area. They all said that it was not economically feasible for them to do so. They had no interest in meeting with us or providing us with options as they preferred the high margins they could get in large cities.

Please do not take away the ability of smaller firms like Sonic and Race to serve rural and underserved communities. Our livelihoods have come to depend on this access.

Thank you.

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